(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the draft of the said Bill has been finalised; and

(d) whether it is expected to introduce the said Bill during the winter session of the Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) There is no such proposals under the consideration of the Government.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Child labour in Gujarat

4191. SHRI BRAHMA KUMAR BHATT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the number of child labour in Gujarat as per Government figures;

(b) particulars of industries in which they are found employed and the age-wise figures;

(c) the steps taken to get them relieved; and

(d) how many, out of them are given education to earn their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL) : (a) to (d) As per the information received from the State Government of Gujarat, 1018 child labourers and 140 child labourers were detected in hazardous and non-hazardous occupations respectively in a state wide survey conducted during 1997. All child labourers found were below the age of 14 years and engaged mainly in diamond cutting, brassware and carpet weaving industries, dyeing, printing and weaving, engineering, construction, hotel-restaurants, tea shops and automobile garages, etc. Under the Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) Act, 1986, 166 prosecutions were launched in 1997-98. 744 prosecutions were also launched under other Acts to prohibit employment of Child Labour. 1018 child labourers have been withdrawn from factories, mines and other forms of hazardous work and 133 child labourers have been enrolled in education system. 49 children from non-hazardous occupations were provided non-formal education.